

Washington, D.C. -- At the invitation of Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, former U.S. Comptroller General David Walker will appear in Lincoln on August 17, 2011, for a public address on America's debt challenges and fiscal policies.

"David Walker is one of the nation's leading voices on budgetary reform," Fortenberry said. "He is a champion of fiscal discipline and accountability to the taxpayer. I am pleased he has agreed to come to Lincoln for a community discussion on our nation's financial future."

Walker served as Comptroller General of the United States and director of the Government Accountability Office from 1998 to 2008, serving in the Bill Clinton and George W. Bush administrations. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) is an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for Congress. Often called the "congressional watchdog," GAO investigates how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars. Walker left the GAO in 2008 to direct the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, where he helped create I.O.U.S.A., a documentary film focusing on the impact of the national debt.

The Walker discussion is open to the public and is scheduled to begin at 11 am on Wednesday, August 17, at the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center, next to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln city campus, at 313 North 13th Street in Lincoln.

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